

Daffodil Tea

Saturday 6th April

2.30 - 4.30pm

St Mary's Dalkeith

Join us for afternoon tea and cake

£5 for Adult £2.50 for Child

All Welcome, bring a friend or two



Travel Size Toiletries

What a wonderful collection of Travel Toiletries we have passed on to the Hospital for distribution. Lilly and the King Family thank you for your generosity. The items are gifted to families who find themselves often being admitted to hospital quickly and find themselves in need of the little things they need to see them through the initial stay on the ward. Please do feel free to keep donating these items as there is always a need. Currently they are short of face wipes and disposable razors blades. Please place items in the grey basket at church. Thank You



The work of our local food bank continues to help and support local families in times of crisis and need. Donations of tinned food, dried food as well as toiletries and household cleaning material are always welcome. Collection boxes are available at both churches or an uplift can be arranged if you call the church office. 0131 663 7000

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of St Leonard's Lasswade & St Mary's Dalkeith
March 2019

Your local Scottish Episcopal Church
in Bonnyrigg & Dalkeith
Invites and Welcomes You to join us



St Leonard's Church

Dobbies Rd Lasswade & Bonnyrigg

Sunday at 11.15am

www.stleonardslasswade.org.uk

More Information and Enquiries:

For more information why not visit the church Websites or

Find us on  @StLandM

You can also contact the Church Office on



0131 663 7000 or email  office.stlandm@gmail.com

Both Churches are registered with the Scottish Charity Register as

St Leonard's Episcopal Church: Lasswade SC014151

St Mary's Episcopal Church: Dalkeith SC001677

Items for inclusion in the **April** edition of The Link should be passed to the office by **Sunday 17th March** for consideration. Thank you..

Editor's Note

Opinions expressed in this magazine are not necessarily those of the editor or the Churches. Please note anyone submitting an article for inclusion within this magazine should ensure that the content is suitable for a church publication?

St Mary 's Church

The church in the park

Dalkeith Country Park High St, Dalkeith

Sunday 9.30am

www.stmarysdalkeith.org.uk



St Leonard's 11:15am Sunday Rota February

Sunday	Sidespersons	Coffee	Flowers	Cleaning
3rd March O: N Stewart C: A Bruce R: M Johnson I: V Clark M: E Stewart	J Forsyth N Fyffe	J Mellon D Reid M Hall		P & I Nicolson
10th March O: T Mooney C: N Stewart R: V Scott I: N Stewart M: E Thomson	M Hall D Reid	R Simpson A McKenzie B Poulouse <i>Ann Miller</i>	Lent	A Bruce
17th March O: N Stewart C: T Mooney R: I Bolan I: C Todd M: E Stewart	A & I Bolan	J Strong A Bolan A Miller <i>A Bruce C Todd</i>	Lent	M Kurian B Poulouse
24th March O: P Harris C: A Bruce R: Jasanth I: V Clark M: Peter et-al	J Shannon J Strong	N Whannell A Cunningham <i>Martin & Pat Johnson</i>	Lent	J & T Mooney
31st March Café Church Mothering Sunday	A Cunningham N Whannell	C Todd A Bruce A Thomson	Lent	A Mckenzie V Clark

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St Mary's 9.30 am Sunday Rota February

Sunday	Sidespersons	Coffee	Flowers	Cleaning
3rd March O: L McEwan C: J Fleming R: M McPhail I: A Mackay M: E Stewart	A Watt C Prior	P Willis L Maguire	P Willis	J Fleming
10th March O: A Mackay C: J Fleming R: A Watt I: J Fleming M: N & D Grieve	K & R Donald	B Tinley M McMeekin	Lent	J Fleming
17th March O: A Watt C: J Fleming R: P Willis I: R Donald M: D Law	M & E Thomson	N & D Grieve	Lent	J Fleming
24th March O: R Donald C: J Short R: L Maguire I: K Donald M: E Thomson	N & D Grieve	M McPhail P Willis	Lent	J Fleming
31st March Café Church Mothering Sunday			Lent	J Fleming

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Don't give up chocolate for Lent — buy Fairtrade

This year Fairtrade is encouraging shoppers to buy more Fairtrade because farmers deserve a fair deal – one that leads to them earning a living income. Fairtrade has done much to improve the lives of many, but it's not enough, fast enough. Many farmers – both men and women – are underpaid and exploited. That means they can't earn enough for the basics many of us take for granted, including food, education and housing.

A living income is a fundamental goal for Fairtrade, and nowhere is the need for a living income more clear than in the cocoa industry. UK & Europe is the world's biggest importer of cocoa, yet 70% of that cocoa is produced in West Africa, and 43% of worldwide output comes from the Côte d'Ivoire, where one in six of the population is employed in the cocoa sector. Yet a shocking 60% of all cocoa farmers live below the poverty line.

That's why, starting this Fairtrade Fortnight, you can help. Fairtrade is the only certifier to provide a safety net of a minimum price for farmers in times of global price decline plus a premium, an extra amount of money that goes direct to farmers to invest in business or community projects of their choice in their own communities. Looking for the Fairtrade Mark when you shop means that you can enjoy a taste of chocolate indulgence and support a move towards a living income.

Chocolate is about enjoyment, indulgence, gifts and celebration. Stand up for farmers this Fairtrade Fortnight and look for Fairtrade chocolate to show you believe that 'She Deserves'.

MAKES 12

CAFÉDIRECT MOCHA CRUMB MUFFINS

INGREDIENTS

Mocha crumb topping:

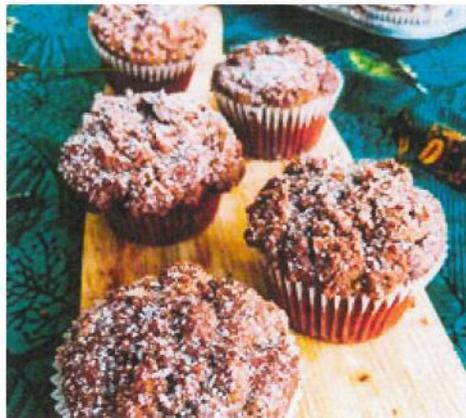
- 175g Fairtrade caster sugar
- 175g Fairtrade light brown sugar
- 1 tbsp Divine cocoa powder
- 1 tbsp Cafédirect Machu Picchu ground coffee
- 110g plain flour
- ¼ tsp salt
- 75g unsalted butter, melted

Muffins:

- 150g plain flour
- 150g Fairtrade light brown sugar
- 2 tbsp Divine cocoa powder
- 1½ tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- 2 tbsp Cafédirect Machu Picchu ground coffee
- 4 Divine Cappuccino Chocolate bars (35g each), chopped into 1cm pieces
- 100g Greek yoghurt
- 100ml vegetable oil
- 3 large free range eggs
- 1 tsp Fairtrade vanilla extract
- A dusting of Fairtrade icing sugar

DID YOU KNOW?

CAFÉDIRECT HAVE INVESTED OVER **50 PERCENT** OF THEIR PROFITS BACK INTO THE FARMER COMMUNITIES THEY WORK WITH – THAT'S **£6M** TO DATE.



METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C or Gas Mark 4.
2. Make the crumb topping. In a large bowl, combine the sugars with the cocoa powder, ground coffee, flour and salt. Add in the melted butter and stir until just combined. Don't overmix. The mixture should come together in large clumps. Set aside.
3. To make the muffins, in a separate bowl, mix the flour, brown sugar, cocoa powder, baking powder, salt and ground coffee.
4. Break up your Divine Cappuccino Chocolate bars and add them to this mixture.
5. Add the yoghurt, oil, eggs and vanilla extract and mix until just combined.
6. Spoon out the muffin batter into 12 muffin cases about halfway to the top.
7. Press the set-aside crumb topping into the top of the muffin batter to ensure it stays put when it is baked.
Combined, the batter and the topping should reach ¾ of the way to the top of the muffin case.
8. Bake for 17-20 minutes or until a skewer comes out clean. Allow to cool before removing from the tin.
9. Dust with icing sugar before serving.
10. Muffins should keep in an airtight container for up to 5 days at room temperature.



Readings for Sunday Services February to March

The list of Lectionary readings as well as being provided for those preparing to read during worship at Sunday services are also provided for all of us to read and to reflect upon as we prepare to meet together week by week.

Please note that during Lent although the set Lectionary readings are mentioned below we will be reflecting on the Lent Study material within our Sunday worship so the readings will most likely be different to those set below. But it is also good to keep on reading through Lent

March

3rd Sun before Lent	2 Corinthians 3:124-2	Luke 9:28-36
6th Ash Wednesday	10am at St Leonard's 7pm at St Mary's	
10th 1st Sun Lent	Romans 10.8b-13	Luke 4.1-13
17th 2nd Sun Lent	Philippians 3.17-4.1	Luke 13.31-35
24th 3rd Sun Lent	1 Corinthians 10.1-13	Luke 13.1-9
31st 4th Sun Lent	Mothering Sunday - Café Church	

April

7th 5th Sun of Lent	Philippians 3.4b-14	John 12.1-8
14th Palm Sunday	Luke 19.28-40	
	Passion Reading	Luke 22.14-23.56
21st Easter Sunday	Luke 24.1-12	Acts 10.34-43

Can you help?

As a church we believe that we are all members of the body, the family of God. All of us have a part to play and we thank you for what you already do in the life of the Church. On a Sunday there are a variety of ways that you too could help us in our worship. Do speak to one of the Clergy if you would like to help. We are happy to help prepare and guided you if you would like help with planning for intercessions or reading.

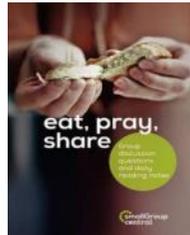
Where to buy: Find Cafédirect in Waitrose.

Looking ahead here are some key dates & events

March 2nd **Coffee at Mary's**, our monthly Coffee morning is an informal time of fellowship and refreshments open to all from 10.30am

March 6th Ash Wednesday—marks the beginning of Lent. We are planning to have a 10am Service at St Leonard's as usual and an additional 7pm Evening Service at St Mary's

Lent 2019 During Lent we try to organise some Lent Study Groups and this year we are planning to use a resource called "eat, pray, share" Each week consists of 5 readings looking at the Jewish Passover and putting the Lord's Supper as we know it today in the context of the traditions of Jesus time.



Messy Church March Wed 27th at St Leonard's & Sat 30th at St Mary's 4pm

April 14th Palm Sunday - As we journey with Christ we mark the beginning of Holy Week with celebration knowing that by Good Friday brings sacrifice, darkness and death.

Holy Week During Holy week we are invited each evening to join ecumenically with the other churches and to ponder and reflect on the passion, sacrifice and challenges of following Jesus, living in the shadow of the cross.

Good Friday Walk of Witness join us at St Mary's at 10am where we begin our Good Friday Walk through the heart of Dalkeith. Through this simple act we hope and pray that we will highlight to those around us that this is a special day that is important for all people everywhere.

Easter Sunday The day begins with an Ecumenical open air service at 7.30am in the Kings Park with worship and proclamation that Christ is Risen! We then share breakfast together before heading off to our places of worship to continue the celebration that Christ is risen indeed!



The Discipline of Lent - a call to prayer, study & worship

Lent is the 40-day season of preparation for Easter. Lent has two major purposes: It calls us to return to God, preparing us for a renewal of our Baptism vows, through emphasizing a spirit of penance. Secondly through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayer, we commit ourselves to be challenged by the passion and sacrifice of Jesus for us as we journey towards celebrating the amazing mystery of Easter.

Lent is a privileged time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This season provides an opportunity to renew and deepen our relationship with Jesus, and to renew the choices we make, so that we might live as he taught.

As well as our normal Wednesday morning communion services (which take place at St Leonard's at 10am on a Wednesday) and our Lenten Study Groups we will be opening up St Mary's for morning prayer on Tuesday's at 9.30am. Lent calls us all to take more seriously the act of prayer and collective prayer often helps us to be accountable to each other to pray more regularly. We therefore invite you to come and join with us as journey through Lent together in prayer. We are also planning to make the Morning Prayer Booklets available soon at both churches for you to take home your own copy. We hope you will find these useful and use them throughout the week and then join with us on the Tuesday mornings if you can.

MORNING PRAYER IN LENT Tuesday Morning 9.30am St Mary's Dalkeith	WEDNESDAY Informal COMMUNION 10am St Leonard's	LENT STUDIES Monday & Tuesday Evenings <i>Contact Church Office for more details</i>
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A Paws for thought.

Is it just me or are the days getting longer and the garden is looking so much greener. *(That is apart from the bits where I did my business!)* I am sure that this time last year I was rolling around in the snow and being told off for eating the yellow bits.

Anyway I am in a bit of a dilemma! You see Dad's been talking about Lent and what he should or shouldn't do. He was thinking about giving up biscuits but then that would mean less for me to nibble on too. So I looked at him with my sad eyes and said "no not biscuits! Maybe instead of giving up something you should take on more? More walks with me that will help you get a little fitter." Now the days are getting longer there should be more time for more walks don't you think.

Walking is good for all of us and it's a lot cheaper than the Gym. Why pay a fortune for a workout when I will happily run around a field with you or take you swimming in the local mud pond or river. All good fun. Anyway what ever you do during the season of Lent remember it's a time for connecting with God. Going for a walk with dog and talking with God is a great way to connect.

With licks and love from Izzy 

Paschal Candle Motif Competition

With Easter on the horizon its time to think again about this years Paschal Candle design. If you would like to design a motif for the candle then please get drawing and submit your entries to the Church Office by Sunday 7th April.

Last years winners were Jean Mellon and Isla McKenzie



GDPR — a reminder

Whether we are In or Out of the EU in the future we still need to remain compliant with the General Data Protection Regulations. A copy of our Data Protection Policy for St Mary's and St Leonard's can be obtained from the Church Office if requested. The basic data we hold is often used to aid internal communications between members and adherents of the churches. It is not sold or distributed to third parties.

We would encourage all members and adherents of the church to complete a GDPR form and return these as soon as possible so that we have your current details and your permission to hold this information about you. Thank You.



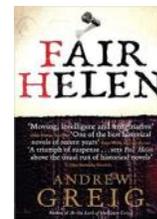
Bishops Lent Appeal 2019

The Bishop's Lent appeal for this year is focusing in on the work of two charities helping people in their time of need.

Set up in 2008 by the Selkirk Council of Churches assisted by the Scottish Churches Housing Action, FRESH START BORDERS, provides starter packs of household goods and essentials to people moving from homelessness into a permanent tenancy. www.freshstartborders.org.uk

MERCY SHIPS runs the world's largest Hospital Ship the Africa Mercy. The ship is staffed entirely by volunteers and funded by donations. It travels to some of the poorest nations and ports in the world to provide free surgery and medical attention. Our own Vicki Clark at St Leonard's has served on the Africa Mercy. www.mercyships.org.uk

Please collect a lent box from the welcome desk to help support these 2 charities , also St Leonard's will be serving soup & rolls each Sunday during Lent (except on Mothering Sunday) the proceeds of which will go to the Lent Appeal. Thank You



Links Book Group

Our last book group which met at the end of January dissected *Fair Helen* by Andrew-Greig. This was a riveting historical novel based on the poem of *Fair Helen of Kirkconnel Lea*. It was an exciting and dramatic narrative involving two star-crossed lovers, Adam Fleming (*no relation but you never know*) and Helen Irvine (*the fair Helen of the poem & title*) as seen through the eyes of Adam's sidekick Harry Langton. Set against the backdrop of clan feuds and border rivers it was a tragic love/hate affair reminiscent of Romeo and Juliet and Lorna Doone. The real villain of the piece was Scott of Buccleuch (*ancestor of our present patron*) who played one side against the other until he gained total pre-eminence during the time immediately before the Union of the Crowns 1603. Top marks for such an excellent novel.

Our next book will be *The sixteen Trees of the Somme* by Lars Mytting when we shall meet at chez Betty's on Friday 29th March at 7.30pm. If you would like to join our group there is still time you would be most welcome. - John A. Fleming



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Prayers Answered

Give thanks for prayers answered and for all the good things that have happened for you, your family, friends and neighbours.

This space is for you to write your own prayers and concerns

St Leonard's and St Mary's Prayer Diary March 2019



Pray for the world

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6 v18 (NIV)

We hope you will find this prayer sheet a helpful addition to your own prayer life. You can pull it out from the Magazine if that would help.

Please also let us know how you use the Prayer Diary and if there is anything you would like us to add or change or prayers answered that you would like to share.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done
On earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
For the kingdom,
the power
and the glory
are yours,
Now and forever.
Amen

Please remember that you can add your prayer requests to the Prayer Diary at St Mary's or add them to the Prayer Tree at St Leonard's. Please also update us on answered prayer as we believe God is at work through us.

Prayers for the world we live in based on Ps 13

How long, O Lord,
can we hide our faces from the headlines
of violence and tragedy?
How long, O Lord,
will communities in Myanmar be displaced by conflict?
How long, O Lord,
will the children of the Caribbean be battered by hurricanes?
How long, O Lord,
will the people of Mexico live
with threat of tsunami from earthquakes?
How long, O Lord,
will South Asia experience devastating floods?
How long, O Lord,
must the soul of humanity bear the pain of trauma and loss,
and have sorrow in its heart all day long?

Consider and answer us, O Lord our God!
Give protection to all those living in fear of death.
Give strength to endure so tragedy will not prevail.
Give guidance to decision makers who are on the ground.
Give compassion to hearts weary with fatigue.

We trust in your steadfast love,
our hearts will rejoice in your salvation,
as we participate in your kingdom restoration praying,
acting and giving bountifully
with all those preparing and repairing
what violence, hurricane, earthquake and flood is destroying.

How long, O Lord,
will we bring our prayers of lament for the world you love?
In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord we pray. Amen.

Prayer for Fair Trade

God of all, you seek justice and righteousness in all our ways,
help us not just to seek the best deal for ourselves without considering
its impact on others. Help us even as we choose our weekly shopping
to hold farmers and producers in our prayers and to make choices that
benefit individual and communities who work in partnership with
Fairtrade seeking a living wage.



Bishop's Lent Appeal

We pray for Fresh Start Borders and for Mercy Ships and the work they
do to bring relief to people in need locally and around the world

Prayers for our own government and those in positions of influence

God of reconciling hope, as you guided your people in the past
guide us through the political turmoil of this present time
and bring us to that place of flourishing
where our unity can be restored, the common good served
and all shall be made well. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Pray for our Mission Partners David and Shelly



David and Shelly Stokes are based in Juárez, a small town in
the remote north of Argentina, but a relatively central
location for visiting the 150 or so small Anglican churches
scattered across the area known as the Chaco. David's
duties are to visit and encourage church leaders and to help
develop sustainable patterns of training for new leaders. Shelley works
mainly with Wichí women, encouraging them to love the Lord.

Pray for the local churches and our Ecumenical witness.

We pray Lord for our brothers and sisters in our area who worship in
different house and in different ways. We thank you for them and ask
you bless and encourage them. We pray for the work that we commit to
together and especially the work of the Storehouse. Bless those who
use these food banks and may they through the love that is shown by
your people draw them closer to you. We pray too for Bonnyrigg Parish
as they looks for a new Minister. May we all know that we are one
family, in and through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pray for Scripture Union and our work with Young people



We pray Lord, for the work of SU in the schools and locally for
those who lead groups in our local Primary and High Schools. We
pray to for our Messy Church activities that through what we do in
your name individuals and families will be drawn closer
to You.

Prayer for the Pastoral work of the Church

We pray for individuals seeking Baptism and for couples preparing for their
Wedding day in the coming months. As well as celebration we remember those
who mourn and give thanks for loved ones now departed.